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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that as the demand for  
2 unskilled labor increases, farmers and ranchers are searching  
3 for ways to use technology to better operate their farms. The  
4 legislature further finds that certain foreign technology, like  
5 small equipment tractors from Japan, could be greatly beneficial  
6 to farmers and ranchers. However, this type of equipment cannot  
7 be imported because it does not comply with the United States  
8 Environmental Protection Agency's emission standards for small  
9 engines.

10           The purpose of this Act is to benefit farmers and ranchers  
11 in the State by establishing and appropriating funds for a  
12 foreign agriculture small equipment pilot program at a  
13 university of Hawaii community college selected by the  
14 university of Hawaii, to be administered by the department of  
15 agriculture, in collaboration with the university of Hawaii, to  
16 identify and purchase foreign agricultural technology, including  
17 small equipment tractors, and retrofit engines to comply with



1 the United States Environmental Protection Agency's emission  
2 standards for small engines.

3 SECTION 2. There is established the foreign agriculture  
4 small equipment pilot program at a university of Hawaii  
5 community college selected by the university of Hawaii to be  
6 administered by the department of agriculture in collaboration  
7 with the university of Hawaii. The pilot program shall identify  
8 and purchase foreign agricultural technology, including small  
9 equipment tractors, and retrofit engines to comply with the  
10 United States Environmental Protection Agency's emission  
11 standards for small engines.

12 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
15 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
16 year 2024-2025 to establish the foreign agriculture small  
17 equipment pilot program at a university of Hawaii community  
18 college selected by the university of Hawaii, to identify and  
19 purchase foreign agricultural technology, including small  
20 equipment tractors, and retrofit engines to comply with the



1 United States Environmental Protection Agency's emission  
2 standards for small engines.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
4 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. The department of agriculture shall submit a  
6 report of its findings and recommendations regarding the foreign  
7 agriculture small equipment pilot program, including any  
8 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty  
9 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2024.

10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



**Report Title:**

Department of Agriculture; University of Hawaii; Foreign  
Agriculture Small Equipment; Pilot Program; Report;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes and appropriates funds for the Foreign Agriculture  
Small Equipment Pilot Program at a University of Hawaii  
community college, to be administered by the Department of  
Agriculture in collaboration with the University of Hawaii.  
Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for the  
Pilot Program. Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective  
7/1/3000. (SD1)

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